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From: Commanding Officer, USS STUMP
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Command History

1. Enclosures (1) through (6) are forwarded for Calendar Year 2001.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. H. Dropp", is positioned above the printed name.

A. H. DROPP

COMMAND ORGANIZATION AND MISSION

I. COMMAND ORGANIZATION (As of DEC 01)

PRIMARY MISSIONS: Strike Warfare, Anti-Submarine Warfare

IMMEDIATE SENIOR IN COMMAND: Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWO, Captain Dan Thompson

HOMEPORT: Norfolk, VA

Commanding Officer: Commander Anthony H. Dropp

Executive Officer: Lieutenant Commander Christopher J. Bushnell

Operations Officer: Lieutenant (b) (6)

Combat Systems Officer: Lieutenant

Engineer Officer: Lieutenant

Supply Officer: Lieutenant

Navigation Officer: Lieutenant

Administration Officer: Lieutenant

Combat Information Center Officer: Lieutenant Junior Grade

(b) (6)

Training Officer: Lieutenant Junior Grade

(b) (6)

Anti-Submarine Officer: Ensign (b) (6)

First Lieutenant: Lieutenant Junior Grade (b) (6)

(b) (6)

Communications Officer: Ensign (b) (6)

Gunnery Officer: Ensign

Strike Warfare Officer: Ensign

Enclosure (1)

Electronics Material Officer: CW02 (b) (6)

Fire Control Officer: Lieutenant Junior Grade (b) (6)
(b) (6)

Main Propulsion Assistant: Lieutenant Junior Grade (b) (6)
(b) (6)

Auxilaries Officer: Ensign (b) (6)

Electrical Officer: Ensign

Damage Control Assistant: Ensign (b) (6)

COMMAND HISTORY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2001
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II. CHRONOLOGY FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2001

01 JAN	INPT SOUDA BAY CRETE
02 JAN	BERTH SHIFT FROM NATO PIER TO SOUDA BAY FUEL PIER
03 JAN - 7 JAN	U/W, ENR PORT SAID ANCHORAGE
07 JAN	ANCHORED AT PORT SAID ANCHORAGE
07 JAN	U/W FROM PORT SAID ENR THROUGH SUEZ CANAL
08 JAN - 14 JAN	U/W RED SEA
15 JAN - 18 JAN	ANCHORED SITRAH ANCHORAGE BAHRAIN
18 JAN - 30 JAN	U/W NAG OPAREA
31 JAN - 02 FEB	ANCHORED SITRAH ANCHORAGE BAHRAIN
03 FEB - 17 FEB	U/W NAG OPAREA
17 FEB - 21 FEB	INPT JEBEL ALI, QUAY NO.3
21 FEB - 01 MAR	U/W NAG OPAREA
02 MAR	ANCHORED ABU DHABI ANCHORAGE ESCORTED ALFERDAS, BASSAM, AND NASSER TO ABU DHABI ANCHORAGE
02 MAR - 10 MAR	U/W NAG OPAREA
10 MAR - 14 MAR	INPT BAHRAIN PIER 10
14 MAR - 20 MAR	U/W NAG OPAREA
21 MAR - 27 MAR	INPT BAHRAIN PIER 2 BERTH 9
27 MAR - 03 APR	U/W CAG OPAREA

Enclosure (2)

03 APR - 06 APR	INPT BAHRAIN PIER 2 BERTH 9
06 APR - 08 APR	U/W CAG OPAREA
08 APR	ENTERING STRAITS OF HORMUZ
08 APR - 14 APR	U/W RED SEA
14 APR - 15 APR	ANCHORED OUTSIDE OF SUEZ CANAL
15 APR	U/W ENR THROUGH SUEZ CANAL
16 APR - 18 APR	U/W EASTERN MED
18 APR	INPT SOUDA BAY CRETE
18 APR	U/W EASTERN MED
19 APR - 21 APR	INPT AKSAZ TURKEY
21 APR - 01 MAY	U/W EASTERN MED OPAREA
01 MAY - 04 MAY	ANCHORED ANTALYA TURKEY
04 MAY - 10 MAY	U/W ENR TO GIBRALTAR
10 MAY - 13 MAY	INPT GIBRALTAR, UK PIER 1 BERTH 48
13 MAY - 22 MAY	U/W ENR NEWPORT, RI
22 MAY	INPT NEWPORT, RI PIER 2 BERTH 2-2-1
22 MAY - 24 MAY	U/W ENR NORFOLK, VA
24 MAY - 25 JUN	INPT NORFOLK, VA PIER 25 BERTH 1
25 JUN - 29 JUN	U/W VACAPES OPAREA
29 JUN - 13 JUL	INPT NORFOLK, VA PIER 25 BERTH 5
13 JUL - 23 JUL	U/W PORT EVERGLADES OPAREA
23 JUL - 25 JUL	INPT NORFOLK, VA 24 BERTH 6

25 JUL	U/W BERTH SHIFT TO PIER 24 BERTH 2
25 JUL - 10 AUG	INPT NORFOLK, VA PIER 24 BERTH 2
10 AUG - 16 AUG	U/W CHERRY PT OPAREA
16 AUG - 17 SEP	INPT NORFOLK, VA PIER 5 BERTH 2
17 SEP - 19 SEP	U/W ENR MAYPORT, FL
19 SEP - 26 SEP	INPT MAYPORT, FL PIER C-1-1
26 SEP - 05 OCT	U/W ENR STRAITS OF FLORIDA TO AUTEC RANGE
5 OCT - 10 OCT	INPT NORFOLK, VA PIER 24 BERTH 2
10 OCT	U/W ENR NWS YORKTOWN, VA
10 OCT - 12 OCT	INPT NWS YORKTOWN, VA BERTH 7, AMMO OFFLOAD
12 OCT	U/W ENR NORFOLK, VA
12 OCT - 24 OCT	INPT NORFOLK, VA PIER 24 BERTH 2
24 OCT	U/W ENR NORFOLK SHIP COMPANY FOR DRYDOCKING
24 OCT - 13 NOV	INPT NORSHIPCO PIER 4
13 NOV	U/W DEADSTICK MOVE TO NORSHIPCO TITAN DRYDOCK
14 DEC	COMMENCED HOLIDAY LEAVE

NARRATIVE
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III. NARRATIVE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2001

USS STUMP (DD 978) began year 2001 in the midst of its MED/MEF deployment as part of the HARRY S. TRUMAN BATTLE GROUP. During the deployment STUMP displayed its excellence in areas such as Maritime Warfare, Engineering, Command and Control, and Logistics.

STUMP began the month of January moored in Souda Bay Crete for New Year's Day. On 7 January STUMP was underway and later anchored at Port Said Anchorage to await its transit through the Suez Canal. During 8 January STUMP completed its transit through the Suez Canal and was operating in the Red Sea. On 15 January STUMP anchored at Sitrah Anchorage in Bahrain Bay Saudi Arabia for a port visit. After several days in port STUMP was underway on 18 January to operate in the Northern Arabian Gulf and commenced Maritime Interdiction Operations on 19 January. On 31 January STUMP anchored in Sitrah Anchorage Bahrain for a port visit. After several days, STUMP was underway to recommence MIO Operations in the NAG on 3 February. On 17 February STUMP moored in Jebel Ali for a port visit and on 21 February was underway to continue MIO OPS in the NAG. On 2 March STUMP anchored in Abu Dhabi Anchorage after escorting several detained merchant ships, the Alferdas, the Bassam, and the Nasser to the Abu Dhabi Anchorage. On 10 March STUMP moored in Bahrain for a port visit and was underway 14 March to continue MIO OPS. On 20 March STUMP completed MIO OPS for its MED/MEF deployment. STUMP's boarding teams boarded and inspected over 50 suspect merchant vessels. STUMP moored in Bahrain 21 March for a port visit and was underway 27 March for Arabian Gauntlet exercise in the Central Arabian Gulf. On 3 April STUMP returned to Bahrain for a port visit and was later underway 6 April to continue operations in the CAG. STUMP entered the Straits of Hormuz on 8 April, anchored outside the Suez Canal on 14 April, and transited the Suez Canal on 15 April. STUMP entered the Eastern Mediterranean Sea on 16 April and moored in Souda Bay Crete on 18 April, the same day STUMP was underway enroute Aksaz Turkey and arrived 19 April. STUMP was underway on 21 April to participate in SHAREM exercise during the end of April. STUMP anchored in Antalya Turkey on 1 May, for a port visit and was underway 4 May enroute to Gibraltar, United Kingdom. On 10 May

STUMP moored in Gibraltar for a port visit and was underway on 13 May for transit to Newport, Rhode Island. STUMP arrived in Newport, Rhode Island on 22 May and was underway the same day for Tiger Cruise to Norfolk, Virginia. On 24 May STUMP moored in Norfolk, Virginia, officially completing its HSTBATGRU MED/MEF Deployment.

STUMP accomplished much and set the standard for other ships to strive for. During the Deployment STUMP operated aircraft for over 600 flight hours, 394 day landings, 494 night landings, over 12,700 tons of cargo was transferred as well as 57 personnel. Several of these missions were tasked by COMFIFTHFLT in support of Operation Southern Watch. Many of the helicopter operations were in support of STUMP's MIO OPS where close helo support was required. All of these operations were completed without a single mishap. STUMP also excelled in other areas such as being singled out as having the 'most proficient and reliable' strike team in the Battle Group. STUMP achieved and sustained an unparalleled level of outstanding operational performance and completed every assignment with superlative results.

Upon arrival in homeport, STUMP commenced a leave and standown period until mid June. On 25 June STUMP was underway for operations in the VACAPES OPAREA. STUMP returned to Norfolk on 29 June. On 13 July STUMP was underway for operations in the Port Everglades OPAREA and returned to homeport 23 July. During this period, STUMP had a change of command from CDR J. B. Read III to CDR Anthony H. Dropp. On 10 August STUMP was underway for operations in the Cherry Point OPAREA and returned to homeport 16 August. Later on 17 September STUMP was underway to Mayport, Florida and arrived 19 September for a maintenance availability. STUMP was underway enroute Straits of Florida to AUTC Range and for operations in DESRON TWO SIX ASW exercise on 26 September. STUMP returned to Norfolk, Virginia on 5 October and later was underway 10 October arriving at Yorktown Naval Weapons Station for ammunition and weapon offload. On 12 October STUMP was underway from NWS Yorktown and returned to Naval Station Norfolk. On 24 October STUMP was underway from NAVSTA Norfolk and moored at Norfolk Ship Company Shipyard for drydocking availability.

In November LCDR Christopher Bushnell replaced LCDR Joseph Leonard as Executive Officer. Later on 13 November STUMP was drydocked continuing its availability. In mid December STUMP commenced its holiday leave period.

